^th July SERVICE WITHOUT THE REALM

Mr Nicholas Ridgeley of the Inner Temple that \\as committed to the Fleet for his opinions to Sir John Smythe is now to be released on his humble submission to the Council He protesteth that he had no evil intent but doth indeed hold that her Majesty both by the common law and statute laws of the realm may lawfully compel her subjects to serve her beyond the seas in any parts wheresoever it shall please her Highness, and that the experience of all time hath been so

$th July SIR ROBERT CECIL MADE SECRETARY.

This day is Sir Robert Cecil, second son to the Lord Treasurer, sworn Principal Secretary to her Majesty [3] which being done in the absence of my Lord of Essex is lie to cause him much discontent Before his going he recommended Mr. Thomas Bodley with extraordinary praise of him as the fittest man, detracting at the same time from Sir Robert Cecil with such odious comparisons that neither is the Queen pleased to admit Mr Bodley for Secretary (for now she showeth less favour to those whom my Lord most commendeth) , nor doth the Lord Treasurer think good to join as colleague and partner to his son (which they had determined to do) one that they now suspect to be drawn to my Lord of Essex's party by reason of the immoderate praises given him by my Lord

nth July BLACKAMOORS IN LONDON

Divers blackamoors have lately been brought into the realm, of which kind of people there are already here too many, considering how God hath blessed this knd with as great increase of people of our own nation as any country in the world, whereof many for want of service and means to set them on to work fall to idleness and great extremity By order of the

Council the ten blackamoors that were brought in by Sir Thomas Baskerville in his last voyage shall be transported out of the realm.

i$th July THE EARL OF NORTHUMBERLAND NAMED AS AMBASSADOR

My Lord of Northumberland being named as ambassador to the French King hath craved her Higlmess's dispensation from